(d) the measures proposed by Government to improve the industrial scenario in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the information collected by the Labour Bureau, during 2001-02, 3556 workers were retrenched as compared to 3058, 2622 and 1802 in the years 2000-01, 1999-2000 and 1998-99 respectively.

(c) and (d) The major reasons for retrenchment have been financial stringency, lack of demand and shortage of raw materials. However, while employment opportunities in some traditional industries may have decreased, employment opportunities in many upcoming areas such as Information Technology, Tourism, Financial Services, construction etc. have increased. Accordingly the growth strategy of the tenth plan lays emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities.

**Penalty Imposed by Courts in U.P.**

†*366. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR:
SHRI D.P. YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4531 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 2002 and state:

(a) the details of the action taken by Government against TDM and SDO who were found guilty by the court; and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the names and designations of those officers and employees out of the thirteen cases who have been penalised by the court; and

(c) the details of the strictures passed by the court against such officers / employees?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Since the revision appeal has been filed before the Hon'ble State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, Lucknow challenging the District Consumer Forum, Mainpuri order passed in case no. 12 / 2001 in which TDM and SDO, Mainpuri are

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punished and stay has been granted on 14.12.2001 and the aforesaid appeal is yet pending before the Hon'ble Commission as such, it is not required to take any action against the officers.

(b) The following officers have been penalized by name :—

(i) Shri Feroz Anwar, TDM, Mainpuri.

(ii) Shri U. C. Misra, SDO, Mainpuri.

(c) No strictures have been passed by the court by name against any of the officers.

**Laying of Telephone Cables**

†*367. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 170 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 2002 and state:

(a) the names and designations of the 15 officers against whom disciplinary action is being taken;

(b) the names of the officers who have been suspended;

(c) the names of the contractors against whom orders for excess payment were issued alongwith the amount to be recovered;

(d) whether pace of the action is very slow and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the action would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Details of the names of 15 officers with their designations against whom disciplinary action is being taken in Mainpuri SSA are given in Statement-I (*See* below)

(b) The name of the suspended officer is Shri P. S. Singh.

(c) Details are given in Statement—II (*See* below).

(d) and (e)

(i) In respect of the total recoveries to be made from M/s S.P.S. Yadav, an amount of Rs. 13,48,664 is being adjusted against his pending bills and earnest money/security deposit etc. within a period of one month.

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